

## Politico-Personal

As a preliminary of the fall campaign, the Mormon and Jack-Mormon press has started an assault on the credit of Salt Lake City. The Herald and Inter-Mormon, who are generally set apart to do things the Deseret News will not stoop to do, are vying with each other in holding out to the world that Salt Lake is bankrupt, which is not true; that her warrants are at a discount at the banks, which is a falsehood, and her tax rate is high and will go higher as a result of the city administration's extravagance, which is an unmitigated lie.

The Herald is fond of drawing comparisons between the American administration and the administration of ex-Mayor Richard P. Morris; but it is a noticeable fact that Senator Smoot and the other leaders of the Demo-Republican-church machine, to which the Herald gives the best of its humble service, are not willing to accept Mr. Morris as a fusion candidate for mayor. Their objection to Mr. Morris cannot be based on religious grounds, for he will "obey counsel" as quick as as ardently as Gov'nah Cutlah; it cannot be on political grounds, for, though nominally a Democrat, Mayor Morris recognizes the authority of the holy priesthood in all things spiritual and temporal, and would obey Apostle Smoot's orders as quickly as would "Fussy Jimmy."

No; the objection to Mayor Morris is due to a knowledge on the part of Apostle Smoot and his satellites that Morris' former administration would defeat him beyond hope, the howling of the Herald to the contrary notwithstanding. He could not possibly be elected with the franchise-grab and divers others scandals of his administration fresh in the public mind, and therefore somebody else will be selected to lead the forlorn church hope.

Some zealous friends of Secretary of State C. S. Tingey are booming him for the Republican nomination for governor, but, if signs are interpreted correctly, Mr. Tingey would do well to prepare to retire from his present office to private life with dignity when his term expires.

Republican nominations in Utah are made by revelation to Reed Smoot, and the process of "sustaining" them in Republican state conventions is as automatic as the sustaining of the general authorities in a Mormon conference. The Provo apostle has hidden his face from Mr. Tingey, and wouldn't consent to his nomination for governor or any other office in a thousand years, all of which is to Mr. Tingey's everlasting credit.

When the apostle returned from his senatorial mission this spring, he went to the city and county building and called on all the state officers except Mr. Tingey. He gave the secretary of state the go-by. The closest approach he made to him was to open the door which connects Mr. Tingey's office and that of Gov'nah Cutlah, and beckon with long, boney digit to Colonel George B. Squires, Mr. Tingey's deputy, to come into the governor's office and shake the apostolic hand.

Possibly had Mr. Tingey spent more time in boosting the political fortunes of the disreputable gang of which Smoot is the leader, and less in attending strictly to the duties of his office, his standing with the apostle would be better than it is. But Mr. Tingey has apparently preserved his self-respect at the cost of his political promotion.

Apostle George Teasdale of the Mormon church died this week. The Deseret News, commenting editorially on his demise, asserted that he was an inspired man of God, who walked in his daily life close to the Savior of mankind. There are exceptions to all rules, and this edi-

torial effusion forces a departure of the rule to speak naught but good of the dead, for it is important that the public should know the manner of man designated as a "man of God" by the ruling church authorities in Utah.

Apostle Teasdale decamped from the United States when he learned that he had been subpoenaed in the Smoot investigation, and remained out of the country until that investigation was over, when he returned to preach the everlasting gospel to the inhabitants of Zion. Claiming to be inspired, claiming to be qualified to lead the children of modern Israel and to act as a spiritual and temporal guide to American citizens, he dared not face a committee of the American Senate and swear that he had kept the laws of his country and the covenant of his church by abstaining from new plural marriage after the Woodruff manifesto.

Apostle Teasdale, despite his godliness, went into the courts of Utah a few years ago and secured from his last wife a divorce on grounds so unspeakably vile that the Smoot investigating committee had to consider the divorce case behind closed doors; and in this connection it should be explained that he made no charges affecting the character of his wife. His allegations, even if true, were merely disclosures of an old woman's misfortune and infirmity.

Apostle Teasdale took at least one plural wife after the manifesto—a young woman convert from England. He quarreled his life long with his own children, few of whom attended his funeral and most of whom execrate his memory. That is the man who is heralded as a "man of God," who, according to one of the speakers at his funeral, murmured as he passed into the eternal sleep, "Thank God for the holy priesthood."

Suppose the names of Senator Foraker, Senator Knox and Secretary Taft should all be presented to the next Republican national convention for president, what would Utah's delegates do? Senator Smoot, who will control the delegation, has made political deals with and is under personal obligation to all three. It is then and there that Smoot's chickens will come home to roost. And there is every indication that at least two of the three will be in the race.

It will do Smoot no good to plead that he was unable to control the Utah delegation, for he has kept his seat in the Senate solely upon his representation that he can not only control Utah's delegation, but those of Idaho and of Wyoming, and exert a strong influence on the delegations from Nevada, Oregon, Colorado and Arizona. Divers and sundry presidential aspirants are due to learn that an apostle's word, given to an ungodly Gentile, is of no force and effect, but the after-clap will prove uncomfortable to the apostle.

Over in London all of the young bloods are cultivating whiskers, and consternation reigns in the breasts of Broadway Johnnies who have not yet begun to cut the first moustache.

One of the heirs to the "Silent" Smith millions has concluded to move from South Dakota to New York. His finish is probably awaiting him somewhere between lower Wall street and the upper end of the Tenderloin.

A New York woman who excitedly reported to the police that she had dropped a jewelled garter valued at \$200 returned an hour later and smilingly reported that she had found it on her dressing bureau. She had carelessly neglected to clasp it around her—that is, she had neglected to adjust it in its proper place.

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